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SUMMARY. CURRENT SERIES OF SECURITY COUNCIL (SC) SESSIONS
ON RHODESIA CAME TO AN END MARCH 14 WITH PASSAGE (10-0-5
(WESTERN FIVE)) OF RESOLUTION DECLARING INTERNAL SETTLE-
MENT "ILLEGAL AND UNACCEPTABLE". OF NOTE DURING PRECEDING

DEBATE, AMBASSADOR YOUNG (US) OUTLINED AMERICAN OBJECTIVES IN SETTLEMENT PROCESS AND OFFERED DETAILED COMPARISON BETWEEN INTERNAL SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS AND ANGLO AMERICAN PROPOSALS (AAP) (FULL TEXT SEPTTEL). RICHARD (UK) GAVE HMG VIEW OF NEGOTIATING HISTORY SINCE INTRODUCTION OF AAP. MAJOR PORTION OF HIS ADDRESS SOUGHT TO REFUTE CRITICISMS THAT HMG HAD NOT ACTIVELY PURSUED AAP IN LIGHT OF INTERNAL SETTLEMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. VON WECHMAR (FRG) OPENED MARCH 14 SC CONSIDERATION OF RHODESIA BY CALLING INTERNAL SETTLEMENT "INADEQUATE" AND ENDORSING THE PROVISIONS OF THE ANGLO AMERICAN PROPOSALS (AAP). THE FRG ALSO SUPPORTED THE CALL FOR A CONFERENCE OF ALL THE PARTIES.

2. YOUNG (US) EXPLAINED US OBJECTIVES IN SEEKING A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO ZIMBABWE PROBLEM. CALLING THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT INADEQUATE, HE THEN COMPARED IT POINT BY POINT WITH THE AAP. HE CONCLUDED BY CALLING FOR A CONFERENCE OF ALL THE PARTIES BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF AAP (FULL TEXT BEING SENT SEPTTEL).

3. IN A BRAVE SPEECH, CONSIDERING THE CLIMATE, THOMAS (LIBERIA) SAID THAT LIBERIA, WHILE ENDORSING THE ARMED STRUGGLE, DID NOT WANT TO SEE THE DOORS CLOSED TO NEGOTIATION IN WHICH ALL THE PARTIES PARTICIPATED. LIBERIA
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DID NOT AND WOULD NOT CONDEMN ANY EFFORT AT NEGOTIATING OR AT HEARING THE VIEWS OF NEGOTIATORS. LIBERIA OBJECTED TO THE OAU TRIPOLI DECISION NOT TO HEAR SITHOLE. LIBERIA DID NOT AGREE WITH THOSE SEEKING AN OUTRIGHT CONDEMNATION AND REJECTION OF THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT. WHILE IT WAS INADEQUATE, IT CONTAINED SOME USEFUL ELEMENTS. LIBERIA SUPPORTED A CONFERENCE OF ALL THE PARTIES AND CALLED FOR MORE FLEXIBILITY AND TRUST AMONG FELLOW AFRICANS.

4. SRI LANKA CALLED THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT ILLEGAL AND UNACCEPTABLE AND CALLED FOR A CONFERENCE OF ALL PARTIES. YUGOSLAVIA CONDEMNED THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT.

5. RAMPHUL (MAURITIUS) ASSOCIATED MAURITIUS WITH ALL THE PREVIOUS CONDEMNATIONS OF THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT. HE SAID THAT AFRICAN GROUP HAD NOT SNUBBED MUZOREWA'S ATTEMPT TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COUNCIL. "PERHAPS", HE SUGGESTED, MUZOREWA, OUT OF EMBARRASSMENT OR COWARDICE, HAD CHOSEN NOT TO SPEAK. RAMPHUL SAID THAT THE UK/US CALL FOR A CONFERENCE TO "WORK OUT DISPARITIES" RESTED ON TWO FALSE BASES. THE FIRST WAS THE UK/US PARTIAL

ACCEPTANCE OF THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT; THE SECOND WAS THE BELIEF THAT THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT COULD EVER CONSTITUTE A BASES FOR NEGOTIATION. THE PF, RAMPHUS SAID, COULD HAVE LITTLE CONFIDENCE IN NEGOTIATIONS "WHOSE MACHIAVELLIAN HISTORY HAS BEEN ONE OF BETRAYAL AND DECEIT". NONETHELESS, MAURITIUS WOULD ENDORSE FURTHER TALKS BETWEEN THE PARTIES.

6. RICHARD (UK), IN A STATEMENT MARKED BY ITS DEFENSIVENESS, BEGAN BY REITERATING THAT, CONTRARY TO THE DOUBTS OF SOME, THE UK CONTINUED TO ACCEPT LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR RHODESIA. HE REMINDED HIS AUDIENCE THAT THE ANGLO AMERICAN PROPOSALS (AAP) HAD ATTRACTED A GENERALLY FAVORABLE RESPONSE WHEN THEY WERE FIRST UNCLASSIFIED

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LAUNCHED; NOW, THEY SEEMED TO BE ATTRACTING EVEN MORE ADHERENTS. IN HMG'S VIEW, THE AAP REMAIN VERY MUCH

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ALIVE AND CONTINUE TO REPRESENT THE BEST AND FAIREST
BASES FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT. STILL, RICHARD
CONTINUED, THERE APPEARS TO BE WIDESPREAD MISUNDER-
STANDING OF THE ACTIONS OF THE UK AND US OVER RECENT
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MONTHS. THERE HAD BEEN INACCURATE PRESS REPORTS,
ACCUSING DR. OWEN OF "RUNNING AWAY" FROM THE SC
DEBATE -- A DEMONSTRABLY FALSE REPORT WHICH NIGERIAN
COMMISSIONER GARBA HAD UNFORTUNATELY ENCOURAGED IN HIS
SPEECH BEFORE THE COUNCIL.

7. NOTING THAT THE GARBA QUOTATION AND MISINTERPRETA-
TIONS BY OTHERS HAD GAINED SOME CURRENCY, RICHARD
THEN RECOUNTED HMG'S VIEW OF WHAT HAD HAPPENED SINCE
THE PUBLICATION OF THE AAP LAST SEPTEMBER. THE AAP,
HE BAGAN, WERE NEVER DESIGNED FULLY TO SATISFY ALL
PARTIES; INDEED IT WAS NOW CLEAR THAT NONE OF THE
PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED SEEMED WILLING TO ACCEPT
THE AAP IN ALL THEIR ESSENTIALS. RICHARD THEN
RECAPITULATED THE VARIOUS CONTACTS AND MEETINGS
LEADING UP TO THE MALTA TALKS -- WHICH WERE CHARACTERIZED
AS "USEFUL" BY ALL PARTICIPANTS. NOTING CRITICISMS THAT
THE UK HAD DRAGGED ITS FEET ON THE HOLDING OF POST-MALTA
TALKS, RICHARD SIMPLY REFERRED TO THE UK/US PROPOSAL TO
MEET WITH THE PATRIOTIC FRONT ON FEB 10 -- A PROPOSAL
NOT ACCEPTED BY THE PF. REFERRING TO THE "ENDLESS
EFFORTS" BY THE UK AND US TO SUSTAIN THE MOMENTUM OF THE
AAP, RICHARD SAID THAT HMG "CANNOT ACCEPT THAT THE FAULT
IS OURS IF THE AAP HAVE NOT SO FAR RESULTED IN A COMPRO-
MISE AGREEMENT.

8. TURNING TO THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT TALKS, RICHARD
SAID HMG HAD NOT BEEN PRIVY TO THE INTERNAL TALKS AND
HAD DONE "NOTHING TO ENCOURAGE THEM- HAD DONE
"NOTHING TO ENCOURAGE THEM AT THE EXPENSE OF OUR
PROPOSALS". NONETHELESS, THE AGREEMENT SIGNED IN SALIS-

BURY WAS A REALITY, EVEN THOUGH IT WAS "NOT ADEQUATE",
"SERIOUSLY DEFECTIVE", AND "CANNOT BE
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ENDORSED". HMG COULD NOT UNDERSTAND THE OBJECTION BY
SOME TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S STATEMENT THAT THE INTERNAL
SETTLEMENT PLANS "TO THE EXTENT THEY ARE CONSISTENT
WITH THE OVERALL PROVISIONS OF AAP, ARE A STEP IN THE RIGHT
DIRECTION". IT WAS UNDENIABLE, RICHARD SAID, THAT
SMITH HAD MADE SOME CONCESSIONS WHICH REPRESENTED A
MOVE "IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION". THIS VIEW WAS NOT INCON-
SISTENT WITH HMG'S POSITION THAT THE AAP REMAINED THE
BEST WAY FORWARD.

9. RICHARD CONCLUDED BY REPEATING THE ANGLO AMERICAN
CALL FOR A CONFERENCE OF ALL THE PARTIES TO WORK OUT
THE DISPARITIES BETWEEN THE PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNAL
SETTLEMENT AND THOSE OF THE AAP. HMG HOPED THAT THE
PARTIES TO SUCH A CONFERENCE WOULD BE WILLING TO ENGAGE
IN A GENUINE SEARCH FOR PEACE AND IN AN EFFORT TO WIDEN
THE AREAS OF AGREEMENT WHICH DID EXIST, I.E.: THAT
ZIMBABWE SHOULD BECOME INDEPENDENT IN 1978; THAT
THE GOVERNMENT OF ZIMBABWE SHOULD BE ELECTED BY
UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE; AND THAT THE ELECTIONS HELD HAVE
TO BE FREE AND FAIR.

10. FOLLOWING THE UK SPEECH, THE NON-ALIGNED RESOLUTION
WAS VOTED ON AND ADOPTED (10-0-5). WESTERN FIVE
ABSTAINED. IN EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE, HARRIMAN (NIGERIA)
LASHED OUT AT HMG FOR "CONSCIOUSLY STALLING THE MALTA
TALKS". TROYANOVSKY (USSR) SAID USSR WOULD HAVE
PREFERRED A TOUGHER RESOLUTION. RICHARD (UK) SAID UK
ABSTENTION REPRESENTED VIEW THAT RESOLUTION WOULD NOT
HELP TO BRING ABOUT PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT. HMG REGRETTED
THAT WESTERN AMENDMENTS TO NON-ALIGNED DRAFT HAD NOT
BEEN ACCEPTED. HMG INTERPRETED THE RESOLUTION JUST
PASSED AS SAYING THAT ANY SCHEME WHICH IN FACT LEFT
THE ILLEGAL REGIME IN CHARGE WAS UNACCEPTABLE; HMG
COULD ACCEPT THAT. BUT HMG COULD NOT ACCEPT ANY
INTERPRETATION OF THE RESOLUTION WHICH CONDEMNED THE
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FORMATION OF A GOVERNMENT IN RHODESIA WHICH
COULD DEMONSTRATE THAT IT HAD THE GENUINE SUPPORT OF
ALL THE PEOPLE OF THAT COUNTRY.

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11. CANADA, FRANCE, AND MAURITIUS ALSO EXPLAINED THEIR
VOTES. THE US DID NOT.

12. RICHARD, ACTING AS SC PRESIDENT, THEN ENDED THE
CURRENT SC CONSIDERATION OF RHODESIA. THE COUNCIL
WILL MEET TO HEAR THE ZAMBIAN COMPLAINT AT 3:30 PM
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